



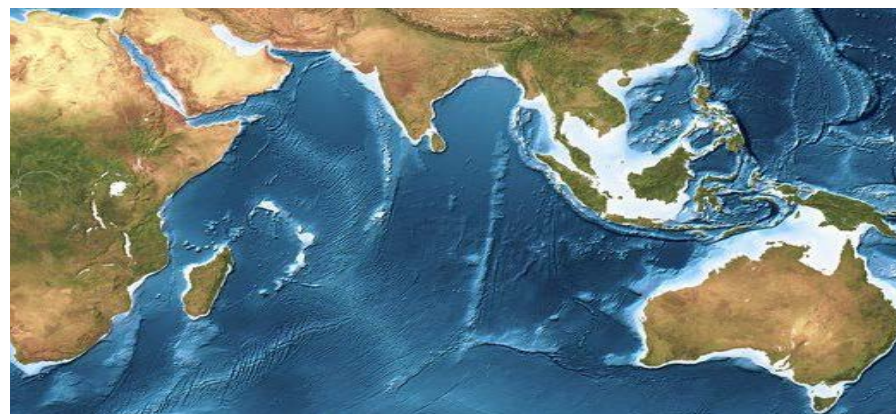
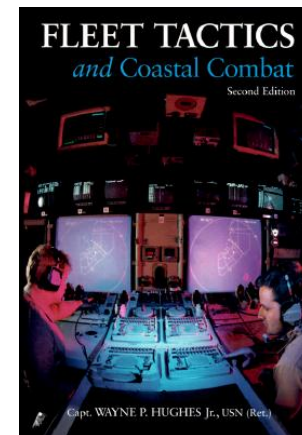
PURPOSE

The **Littoral Operations Center** at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, is established to enhance the U.S. Navy's integration of land, air, sea and undersea operations along the world's coastlines, through *interdisciplinary* research and development involving *all* the departments and schools at NPS.

The LOC conducts and promotes the study of **U.S. Navy and allied and partner nation** policy, strategy and technology necessary to deal with conventional, irregular and criminal threats in these crowded and cluttered coastal waters and their adjacent lands.

While staying grounded in tactics and operations, the **LOC**:

Seeks to apply science and technology to better enable littoral operations in the 21st Century through international, interagency, and public-private partnerships; advanced education; anticipatory innovation; and, a multi-disciplinary, inclusive, and systems-oriented approach. The littorals are a complex and increasingly important OPAREA



The **LITTORAL**, or “near shore,” is where hydrography, geography, commerce, fishing, mining, boundaries, maneuver and sustainment issues converge and complicate both the Offense and the Defense, to place exceptional demands on naval, aerial, and land forces that must operate, fight, and influence events there.